

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

No. 1123 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY NEILSON, JOZWIAK, McNEILL, HILL-EVANS, DELLOSO, SCHLOSSBERG, CIRESI, MALAGARI, WEBSTER, DRISCOLL AND BOYLE, APRIL 7, 2021

AS AMENDED ON THIRD CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, APRIL 26, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending the act of November 22, 1978 (P.L.1166, No.274),
2 entitled "An act establishing the Pennsylvania Commission on
3 Crime and Delinquency, providing for its powers and duties
4 establishing several advisory committees within the
5 commission and providing for their powers and duties,"
6 further providing for DEFINITIONS AND FOR powers and duties <--
7 of the commission; and establishing the Constable William
8 Davidson Reward Fund.

9 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
10 hereby enacts as follows:

11 ~~Section 1. Section 3 of the act of November 22, 1978~~ <--
12 ~~(P.L.1166, No.274), referred to as the Pennsylvania Commission~~
13 ~~on Crime and Delinquency Law, is amended by adding a paragraph~~
14 ~~to read:~~

15 SECTION 1. SECTION 1 OF THE ACT OF NOVEMBER 22, 1978 <--
16 (P.L.1166, NO.274), REFERRED TO AS THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION
17 ON CRIME AND DELINQUENCY LAW, IS AMENDED BY ADDING A DEFINITION
18 TO READ:

19 SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.

20 THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PHRASES WHEN USED IN THIS ACT SHALL

1 HAVE, UNLESS THE CONTEXT CLEARLY INDICATES OTHERWISE, THE
2 MEANINGS GIVEN TO THEM IN THIS SECTION:

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4 "LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER." THE TERM SHALL HAVE THE SAME
5 MEANING AS THE TERM "PEACE OFFICER" UNDER 18 PA.C.S. § 501
6 (RELATING TO DEFINITIONS).

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8 SECTION 2. SECTION 3 OF THE ACT IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
9 PARAGRAPH TO READ:

10 Section 3. Powers and duties of the commission.

11 The commission shall have the power and its duty shall be:

12 * * *

13 (19) To offer and cause to be paid rewards of up to
14 \$50,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction
15 of perpetrators of an offense against a law enforcement
16 officer under 18 Pa.C.S. § 2502 (relating to murder) or 2507
17 (relating to criminal homicide of law enforcement officer).

18 Section ~~2~~ 3. The act is amended by adding a section to read: <--

19 Section 8.2. Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

20 (a) Establishment of fund.--The Constable William Davidson
21 Reward Fund is established as a special fund in the State
22 Treasury.

23 (b) Administration.--The fund shall be administered by the
24 commission. The commission shall use money in the fund solely
25 for the purpose of section 3(19).

26 (c) Fund sources.--Funding shall consist of appropriations
27 by the General Assembly.

28 (d) Definitions.--As used in this section, the following
29 words and phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
30 subsection unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

1 "Fund." The Constable William Davidson Reward Fund.

2 ~~"Law enforcement officer." The term shall have the same~~ <--
3 ~~meaning as the term "peace officer" under 18 Pa.C.S. § 501~~
4 ~~(relating to definitions).~~

5 Section 3 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days. <--